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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR BF CU

SUBJ: CUBAN NOTE TO GCOB

REF: NASSAU 1464

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CUBAN NOTE TO PRIME MINISTER PINDLING  
(SEE REFTEL) CONCERNING FATE OF TWO CUBAN FISHING VESSELS  
AND CREW:

QUOTE EXCELLENCY:

I ADDRESS MYSELF TO YOUR EXCELLENCY IN ORDER TO INFORM YOU  
THAT AT 09.32 HOURS TODAY THE CUBAN INSTITUTE OF CIVIL AVIA-  
TION RECEIVED A RADIOGRAM FROM THA SEARCH AND RESCUE CENTER  
OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, INFORMING IT THAT SEVERAL NORTH AMERICAN  
FISHING BOATS HAD SEEN A VESSEL, APPARENTLY CUBAN, ON FIRE,  
ON INTERNATCONAL WATERS, IN THE VICINVTY OF THE POSITION 23  
DEGREES, 28 MINUTES N AND 78 DEGREES, 08 SECONDS W ABOUT 50  
MILES FROM CAYO PAREDON GRANDE PROVINCE OF CAMAGUEY, CUBA.  
AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLORATION UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY BY AIR-  
PLANES OF THE CUBAN AIR FORCE A CUBAN VESSEL OF THE CAYO  
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LARGO TYPE AND TOWING FOUR SMALL BOATS, WAS LOCATED, LISTING

HEAVILY, AT ABOUT 12 MILES FROM THE REPORTED POSITION, WITH NO SIGN OF LIFE ON BOARD. DURING THIS EXPLORATION ANOTHER VESSEL ON FIRE THE SAME TYPE WAS SPOTTED IN THE AREA NEAR CAYO LOCO AND AT ABOUT 6 MILES AWAY FROM THIS VESSEL STILL ANOTHER ABANDONED BOAT WAS OBSERVED.

THE INQUIRIES CARRIED OUT THE DELEGATION OF THE FISHING INSTITUTE IN CAIBARIEN, PROVINCE OF LAS VILLAS, INFORMED THAT THE FISHING VESSELS "CAYO LARGO 17" AND "CAYO LARGO 34" HAD RECEIVED ORDER TO STAY ON THE NIGHT FROM THE 3 TO THE 4TH OCTOBER IN THE AREA OF THE AFORE-MENTIONED POSITION AND NEITHER OF THEM THAT REPORTED TO THEIR BASE DURING THE NIGHT NOR DURING DAY. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO SO. OUR EXPLORATION AIRCRAFT SPOTTED ALSO IN THE AREA IN QUESTION THE US COASTGUARD "DILLIGENCE" AS WELL AS SEVERAL FISHING BOATS AND AIRCRAFTS OF THE US COASTGUARD SERVICE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE VESSELS "CAYO LARGO 17- AND "CAYO LARGO 34" HAVE BEEN SET ON FIRE AND THEIR CREWS KIDNAPPED. WE HAVE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT IN THESE EVENTS ARE INVOLVED CUBAN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WHO FROM FLORIDA HAVE BEEN USING THE ARCHIPEL (SIC) OF THE BAHAMAS AS AN INTERMEDIATE IN ORDER TO PERPETRATE SUCH MISDEEDS. WE WOULD BE VERY MUCH GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOUR GOVERNMENT PROCEED AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE TO THE ELUCIDATION OF THESE EVENTS AND TO INQUIRE AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE CUBAN FISHERMEN.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.

RAUL ROA FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA. UNQUOTE  
THE ABOVE IS AS RECEIVED FROM THE BAHAMIANS WITHOUT EDITING.  
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